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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-6 and 61-76 were pending. Applicants have canceled claims 1-76 and submitted new claims 77-104. However, these claims are deemed directed to non-elected subject matter, as set forth below.

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on August 12, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the newly submitted claims are directed to non-elected subject matter. Newly submitted claims 77-104 are directed to non-elected inventions that are independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Applicant has changed the claimed inhibitor. Claim 1 used to recite an inhibitor with no catalytic activity of a wild-type enzyme. Claim 77 now recites an inhibitor with activity for the wild-type enzyme. Thus, the invention has been changed, because the inhibitor has been changed since one has activity and the other does not. See Previous Office Action, pages 2-4. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 77-104 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer I. Harle whose telephone number is (571) 272-2763. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 6:30 am to 5:00 pm,.

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